

BEIRUT

Tues, Jan, 20-1976.

In the Middle East - Palestinian and Moslem forces, backed by Palestinian troops from Syria - ~~was~~ ^{seemed to be} overrunning today the Lebanese countryside, in the process, ~~capturing all of~~ ^{overrunning} the Akkar region in the North - most of the ^{rich} Bekaa Valley in the East - and the Christian towns of Damour and Jiyeh along the southern coast. ~~The Arab blitzkrieg~~ ^{Also} advancing to within a few miles of Zahle, - Lebanon's third-largest city, populated mainly by Christians; ^{so far} ~~but~~ they have ~~avoided~~ ^{avoided} ~~as yet~~ a direct confrontation with the Lebanese Army.

Meanwhile, in Beirut - another day of fierce fighting; and from a leader of the Christian community ~~there~~ ^{came an} ~~a desperate~~ appeal for help. Interior Minister Camille ^MChamoun saying: "There must be immediate intervention by the United Nations - either through the Security Council or members such as the United States." If not - he continued - the result could be "a disaster" of worldwide proportions.

TEL AVIV FOLLOW BEIRUT

~~The fighting in Lebanon - watched closely, of~~
~~course, by Israel, ^{today} ~~which~~ again warned ~~today~~ against~~
Syrian intervention. Defense Minister Shimon Peres saying:
"If the Syrian Army invades Lebanon - Israel would take
the ~~necessary~~ defensive measures."

And now -

COPENHAGEN-MOSCOW

Secretary of State Kissinger ⁱⁿ ~~stopped off in~~
Copenhagen today - enroute to Moscow; ~~there~~ ^{ed} warning "all
outside parties" - to keep hands off in Lebanon; a warning -
later echoed by the White House.

Dr. Kissinger then ^{ed} continuing on to ^{Moscow} ~~the Soviet~~
~~capital~~ where he hopes to score a breakthrough in stalled
^{and upon} ~~SALT talks.~~ ^{On} arrival, saying: "I have come ~~here~~ for
serious talks - and I would not have come if I did not think
we could make progress."

LISBON

Portugal's ex-military security chief - as recently as last Fall, the Number Two man in the Portuguese government - arrested today on order from the Lisbon regime. Former General Otelo Saraiva De Carvalho - accused of collaborating with the Communists in an attempted coup last November.

HOUSE

The House Intelligence Committee went into closed session today - to discuss the draft of a controversial staff report on U.S. intelligence activities. Chairman Otis Pike earlier indicating, however, come what may - he will oppose a move to extend the committee's charter. "I am concerned" - said he - "because of the number of leaks that have evolved." Adding: "The sooner we finish - the sooner that will end.

GNP

The U. S. Gross National Product - up more than
Five Per Cent during the last quarter of last year; not
enough - to pull the whole year out of the red; but ^{LOW}
indication ~~we are told~~ recovery from the ~~steepest~~
worst recession in years. ~~is continuing.~~

TRENTON

At Trenton State Prison in New Jersey - an attempted escape with smuggled guns - followed by an eleven-hour prison uprising. The violence ending with the suspected leader of the outbreak killed - and three guards and another inmate wounded.

STANISLAUS

The worst ^{snow} drought in California in twenty years was being blamed ~~today~~ for a ~~rare~~ January forest fire - in Stanislaus National Forest, [^] between Sonora and Yosemite National Park. ~~Officials saying the summer like weather has left the Sierra dry and dusty where normally it's shrouded in snow.~~

MANCHESTER

Former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, as you
no doubt know by now - the big winner in last night's
Democratic caucuses in Iowa. Carter picking up about ^{Twenty-Seven} ~~Twenty~~
Per Cent of the total vote - ~~or~~ more than twice ~~as much as~~
~~Senator~~ Bayh, of Indiana, ~~the~~ nearest of his five opponents.
~~Observers were quick to note though, fully a third of the~~ ^{more than}
~~Iowa delegates - refusing to commit themselves to any one~~
~~candidate.~~

at { In third place, by the way, former Senator Harris
of Oklahoma - who was also cheered somewhat to be up there
in the top three. Harris saying: "The winnowing ^{out} process
has begun - and I'm winnowing in."

And now this -

LONDON

Britain's plans to spend a Million Bucks to help celebrate the U.S. Bicentennial - were under fire today in Parliament and in the British press. Labor M.P. Audrey Wise calling "the whole thing - a rather ludicrous ~~pantomime~~ ^{maneuver,} satire." The Guardian newspaper, ~~also~~ expressing thanks to what it called "that errant collection of offspring colonies" - for "helpful hands extended across the ocean so many times." Adding, however, the loss of the American colonies - was not "one of our greatest achievements."

And now for CBS -